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Substitute House Bill No. 6515

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "state-wide centralized voter registration system" means a
3 computerized system designed and maintained by the Secretary of the
4 State which includes: (1) Voter registration information prescribed by
5 the Secretary, (2) information contained in applications for admission
6 as electors described in section 9-20 of the general statutes, (3)
7 information needed to compile registry lists and enrollment lists under
8 sections 9-35 and 9-54 of the general statutes, (4) information required
9 by section 9-50a of the general statutes, and (5) other information for
10 use in complying with the provisions of title 9 of the general statutes.

11 (b) Not later than July 1, 2003, each registrar of voters shall transmit
12 to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector information

13 required by the office to complete the state-wide centralized voter
14 registration system. Each registrar shall transmit such information in a
15 format prescribed by the Secretary. Not later than September 1, 2003,
16 each registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide centralized
17 voter registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
Secretary of the State	GF - Cost	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

This bill requires registrars of voters to transmit voter registration information to the Secretary of the State (SOTS) by July 1, 2003 to complete the centralized voter registration system. The bill also requires all registrars to participate in the state-wide centralized voter registration system by September 1, 2003.

This bill has no fiscal impact on the SOTS as the agency has already acquired the computers and printers municipalities will use as part of the centralized voter registration system. These computers and printers were purchased with previously allocated bond funds.

As of April 7, 2003, nine municipalities have committed to join the centralized voter registration system.¹ Eleven municipalities have not joined, nor made a commitment to join, the centralized system.²

The SOTS provides each municipality that joins the centralized

¹ The municipalities who have committed to join are East Hartford, Enfield, Madison, North Branford, Simsbury, Stratford, Warren, Waterbury, and Westport.

² Bristol, Danbury, East Haddam, Fairfield, Greenwich, Milford, New Britain, Norwalk, Shelton, Stamford, and Wallingford have not joined the centralized voter registration system.

voter registration system with a computer, associated software, a printer, and an ISDN connection. Municipalities will incur minimal costs for system maintenance and upkeep of the computer hardware.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires registrars of voters to send their voter registration information to the Office of the Secretary of the State by July 1, 2003, for inclusion in the secretary's statewide centralized voter registration system. The registrars must transmit the information in a format the secretary prescribes. By September 1, 2003, the secretary must prescribe the manner for towns to participate in the statewide centralized system and every registrar in the state must do so.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

STATE-WIDE CENTRALIZED VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM

The secretary of the state office's statewide voter registration system, as defined in the bill, includes information (1) on voter registration that the secretary prescribes; (2) from voter registration application forms; (3) used to compile voter registry and enrollment lists, including the active and inactive registry lists; and (4) used to comply with the state's election laws.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0